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Our Case No.: 659-876

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sanders et al.

Serial No.: 09/954,444

Filing Date: September 14, 2001

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ASSEMBLING REFASTENABLE
ABSORBENT GARMENTS**

Examiner: To be assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 3761

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the

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The references now cited are the following:

U.S. Patent No.	Issue Date	Patentee
5,562,790	10/1996	Ehlert et al.

OTHER ART

1. U.S. Patent Application S/N 09/002,020, entitled "Personal Care Article Having a Stretch Outer Cover and Non-Stretch Grasping Panels," filed December 31, 1997 (KC 12,221)

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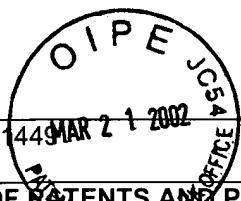
Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in
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Respectfully submitted,



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